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CNG FILLING STATIONS IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CNG filling stations in the country as on June 30, 2004, State-wise;

(b) the number of new CNG stations to be installed in each State during the current financial year, State-wise, especially in Karnataka;

(c) whether the proposed CNG stations will be sufficient to meet the demand of vehicles;

(d) if so, to what extent; and

(e) if not, the steps the Union Government proposes to take in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a): As on 30.6.2004 there were 212 CNG Stations in operations in the country. State wise details are as under:

Maharashtra	84
Gujarat	6
Delhi	122

(b): During the current financial year, 10 and 36 additional CNG Stations are proposed to be set up in Delhi and Maharashtra respectively. There is no proposal for setting up any CNG Station in Karnataka during the current financial year.

(c) to (e): The present CNG Stations are adequate to meet the current fuel requirements of the vehicles operating on CNG in the respective cities.

The conversion of vehicles on CNG and development of matching CNG distribution infrastructure is a continuing process.

CNG as auto fuel will be introduced in a phased manner in different cities of the country subject to availability of natural gas and gas transmission infrastructure.